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Political organizations arrive at Avila

Donna Jungman
News Editor

Avila's College Democrats and College Republicans are hard at work getting ready for the Nov. 2 election.

At the end of September, the College Democrats and College Republicans sponsored their first event, the debate watch party for the first presidential debate. Sixty students were in attendance. For their second event, held Oct. 27 in the Whitfield Center, the College Democrats and College Republicans faced off and debated current issues.

Stephen Maynard Caliendo, associate professor of political science, currently sponsors both political organizations. Caliendo sees it as a problem for him sponsoring both political groups, because he cannot act as a lively partisan for either group.

"I'd like a strong Democrat to take over the College Democrats and a strong Republican to take over the College Republicans," Caliendo said. "It would be excellent, and I think it would be better for the students."

Caliendo envisions many things during election time. He would like to see students from each group be in charge of organizing activities and information for particular candidates. He wants them to get some type of campaign experience, to work on clarification and expression of their ideas, and to get to know the students at Avila in a more meaningful way.

"In the long term I want to see these organizations to be places where politicians come to get their message out on Avila's campus," Caliendo said. "They should be vehicles of expression and activity for politics in the greater community."

The College Democrats and College Republicans plan on being linked with their national counterparts. This will link Avila to other colleges and university groups.

The biggest challenge, according to Caliendo, will be the interest after the election.

"There is a tendency to let down after a big election, so keeping the interest up in time for the next Congressional elections in 2006 will be tough," Caliendo said.

If students are interested in joining either political group they can contact Caliendo at 501-3642. Students can also contact the College Democrats who are student-led by President Johnny Turnage and the College Republicans who are student led by President Nicole Sowders.

The purpose of the groups, as identified in their constitutions, is as follows:

"The purpose of the Avila University College Democrats and College Republicans is to support the philosophy and candidates of the Democratic and Republican Parties. The Avila University College Democrats and Republicans declare their intention to support all efforts to increase the participation of college students in Democratic and Republican affairs. To these ends, the Avila University College Democrats and College Republicans shall educate and train its members so that they may be better able to:

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Stephenson helps Kerry/Edwards campaign

Jessica Collins
Feature Editor

"Missouri Democratic Headquarters. This is Caitlin speaking. How may I help you?"

This is a typical phone call for sophomore Caitlin Stephenson who is heard answering telephones and assisting people at the Missouri Democratic Headquarters.

Stephenson volunteers at the Missouri Democratic Headquarters a few hours every morning Monday through Thursday.

"Having college students involved in the election is very important. The reason why politicians don't focus on the issues that are important to young people is because young people don't vote. It is sad that young people don't vote," Stephenson said.

Stephenson started working on the campaign last spring.

"Last spring I went door to door to tell people about Kerry," Stephenson said.

Stephenson is currently the Missouri representative for the Kerry/Edwards campaign at Avila.

"My job as Avila's representative is to get people involved with the campaign. I tell people about volunteer work and also about the campaign issues. I am basically a source of information for people who want to know more about Kerry and Edwards."

When Stephenson volunteers at the headquarters she has a variety of jobs.

"At the headquarters I do a lot of work on the phone. I do phone thanking and I call people and ask them what issues are most important to them. I also call undecided voters to inform and possibly persuade them to vote for Kerry and Edwards," Stephenson said.

Stephenson is a registered Democrat.

See Stephenson, pg.2

Photo courtesy of Kasey Riley

Tuned in

Sixty Avila students gathered in Marian Centre's Alumni Lounge to watch the first presidential debate on Sept. 30. Following the debate a question and answer session was moderated by Associate Professor of Political Science Stephen Maynard Caliendo and Instructor of Communication Kasey Riley.

Minorities play key role in election

Johnny Turnage
Current Events Editor

While riding to the store listening to the radio a commercial comes on. This commercial is not just any commercial. It is a commercial about the presidential race. There is something different about this commercial. The commercial is taking place between a mother and son and they are talking about the concerns of the black community. This is just one of many commericials on the radio, television, Internet, newspapers, and magazines that have been targeted to the minority community.

"I have noticed ads on the radio and agree with the majority of what the commercials are saying when they talk about the current administration," senior Mitchell Harris said.

Commercials are not the only forms of entertainment that are targeting and reaching out to minority voters. Organizations such as Citizen Change and Rock the Vote that have numerous celebrities that reach out to the minority communities and are getting minority people registered and motivating a wave of new voters.

"I have noticed many minority celebrities who are rappers, R&B singers, who are out in the community and on television shows that are trying to get people out to vote. I feel by them being a minority, such as P Diddy, that more minorities are more likely to get registered and vote because of that connection," sophomore Blake Anderson said.

"I feel like they [presidential candidates] are noticing the rise in many minority groups and so they are trying to reach out to minorities by addressing their needs and concerns," sophomore Charlie Kim said.

The presidential candidates are taking a notice of the rise in minority voters and are making stops in minority neighborhoods attempting to reach out to the growing population of people who used to be minorities but are quickly growing into the majority.

"As many voters state: my vote doesn't count. If you have 10,000 people that think that, that's 10,000 wasted votes come election day. Thinking about that leads me to an old saying, 'To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world'," Anderson said. "Believe it or not, every vote counts. Come Nov. 2, I'll be at the polls, where will you be?"

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"I am a Democrat for many reasons. I don't agree with war. I think our economy needs to be improved and everyone should get health care, no matter how much money they have. I also agree that women have the right to choose and that gay people should be able to get married. Plus, I think that the constitution was not made to take away rights," Stephenson said.

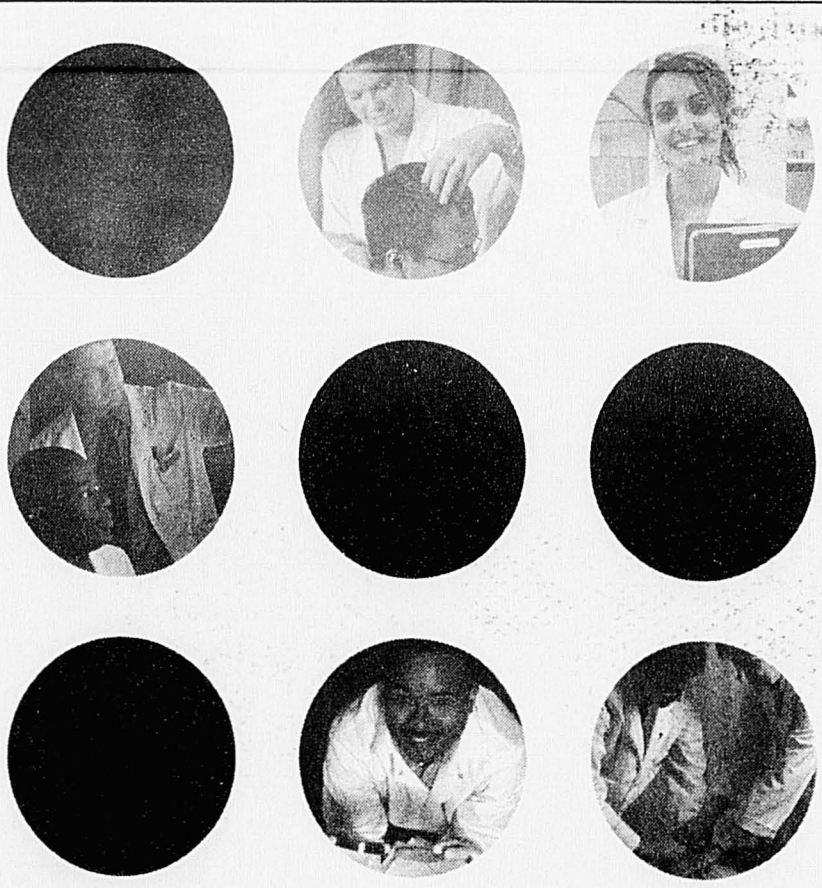
Although Stephenson is strongly against Bush she does admit that Kerry might not be able to fix all of the country's problems.

"I don't think that Kerry has a 100 percent way of fixing things, but he has good plans to fix some of the things in the economy, with jobs and the war in Iraq," Stephenson said.

According to Stephenson, besides this election being important because of the war in Iraq, this is also an important election because three Supreme Court judges may be appointed.

Stephenson has set goals of her own for this election.

"My goal is to get people to vote. I am more than happy to tell people anything they have questions about. If anyone at Avila needs anything they can just find me at the headquarters or on campus and I will help," Stephenson said.



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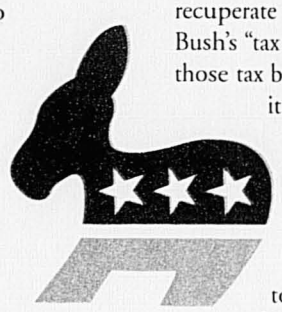
The Presidents of Avila's College Democrats and Republicans give their views.

Democrats vote for change

Johnny Turnage
Current Events Editor

We the American people are in a time of war. We have an administration in office that continues to go down a path that continuously leads us to destruction. Instead of this administration accepting that things change, and that they too, can be wrong, they continue to lead us down that path of destruction. The American people must choose to help ourselves by choosing a new administration to lead us up out of the hole that has been covered with dirt into the light of greatness.



The people whose plans and records show that they can accomplish the job and accept the responsibilities are Sens. John Kerry and John Edwards.

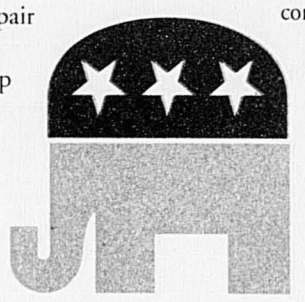
Kerry, as president, will, for one, bring our troops home and not continue to fight the so-called "axis of evil," President George W. Bush talks about. Kerry will recuperate our economy by abolishing Bush's "tax cuts for the wealthy," and give those tax breaks to those who really need it.

We can choose to keep with the current administration and continue to go down a path of war and bad economy, which can only lead to other problems. Or, we can choose a new administration that will rebuild the United States, and as Kerry says, "Keep us strong at home, and respected in the world."

Republicans want four more years

Nicole Sowders
Opinion Editor

President George W. Bush is caring, knowledgeable, optimistic, consistent, and a strong leader. Not only has he led us out of a time of despair by the 9/11 attack, but he led our country to stand up for ourselves.



The American people speak of the election as an election on who will end the war. Americans recently learned from the debates that Sen. John Kerry supports the war. On Oct. 18, 2004 Kerry told Florida residents that Bush was not properly supplying troops. Earlier this year, Kerry proceeded to vote against an $87 billion bill to support our troops. I hate to point out the small points, but as a voter, this just confuses me on where Kerry stands. This is only one topic that Kerry confuses himself to the voters.

For three years, Bush has provided us with three tax cuts. As the American economy has been under the stress of a recession, American's were attacked, and a corporate fraud was exposed.

Bush has taken the steps necessary to keep Americans in the work force. One can only imagine the stress of the economy after all the factors the President has worked with the economy as efficiently as the war proceeds.

Keep a president who knows how to perform the duties necessary to keep the country strong. Keep a president who continues to stand up for what he and the voters stand for together as a country. Keep a president that takes bold steps in reforming the education system. Keep a president who does not change his mind when criticized.

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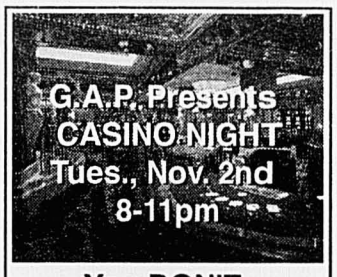

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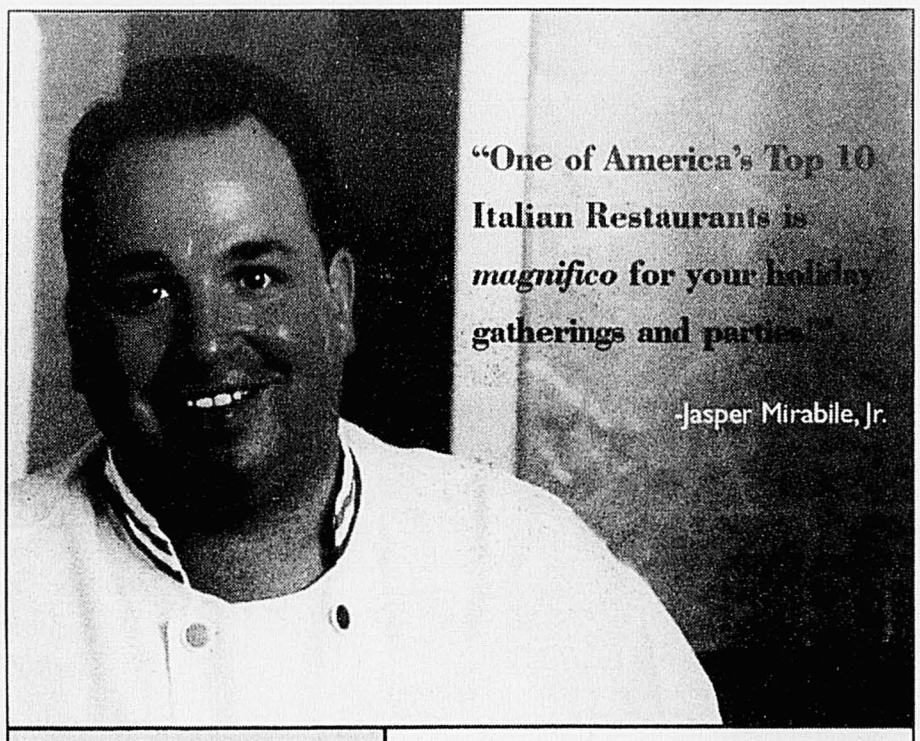

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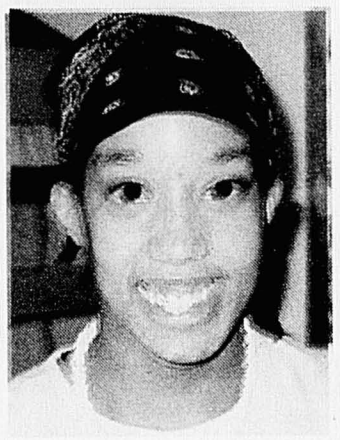
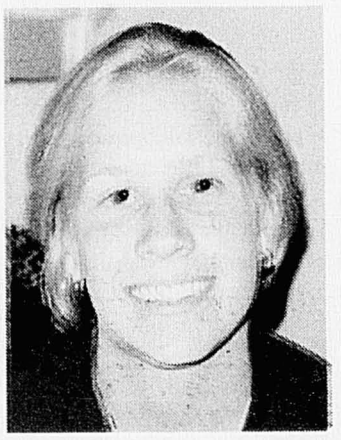
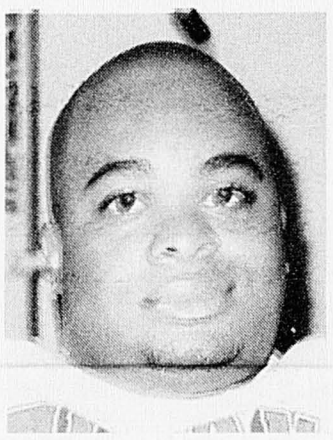


"I'm not exactly sure yet, I haven't done that much research but I will before I vote," first-year-student Charla Butler said.

"I am voting for Kerry because I want Bush out of power. He took us to war for nothing," sophomore David Tillmon said.

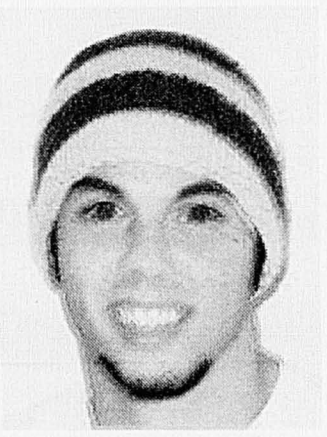


"I'm not registered, but would vote for Bush because he knows what he wants," first-year-student Nicole Harstedt said.



"John Kerry, because Bush isn't doing good with our economy or the war," first-year-student Doc Reyes said.

"It depends on the final debate. I don't feel confident in either candidate yet, so whoever influences me in the end has got my vote," first-year-student Whitney Martinez said.



"Probably Bush, he knows what he wants, he stands for what he believes, and does not flip flop his answers," first-year-student Tony Milano said.

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